



STATE OF MARYLAND

DHMH

Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene
Board Of Physical Therapy Examiners

BOARD MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 16, 2009

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Margery Rodgers, PT
at 1:00 p.m.

Call To Order

Present: Shirley Leeper, PTA, Vice Chairperson
Stephen Ryan, PT, Board Member
Donald Novak, PT, Board Member
Lois Rosedom-Boyd, Consumer Member
Ved Gupta, Consumer Member
John Baker, PT (arrived at 1:10 p.m.)

Absent: Lori Mizell, PT

Also Present: Caroline Boice, Legislative Analyst
Ann E. Tyminski, Executive Director
Joy E. Aaron, Deputy Director
Linda Bethman, AAG, Board Counsel
Francesca Gibbs, Staff Attorney, Board Counsel
Ernest W. Bures, Compliance Manager
Teresa Thornton, Board Investigator
Paula C. Hollinger
Sharon Bloom

The Board welcomed Caroline Boice, Legislative Analyst who is assigned to
the Physical Therapy Board for its Sunset Review.

Legislative
Services

The minutes of the meeting held on May 19, 2009 were reviewed and
approved with corrections.

Minutes

An inquiry from Laurie Short, PTA re treating patients who are receiving
blood products was discussed. The Board advises there are no regulations but
treating such patients is within the standards of care. Whether to treat or not is
dependent upon the patient's status, whether blood values suggest problems.
As a PTA, Ms. Short should certainly consult with her supervising physical therapist
before treating such a patient and should work only within her competency as a PTA.

Inquiry re
blood products

Tom DeFillipo, PT requested aquatic therapy guidelines. The PT Act
does not include regulations regarding aquatic therapy. He was referred to his
local health department for information.

Aquatic
Therapy

The Board reviewed an e-mail conversation between a licensee, Karen Birx, and the Executive Director without comment.
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CEUs

A letter received from Legislative Services explaining the Sunset Review process was reviewed. Mrs. Tyminski explained she had provided Ms. Boice with all information requested to date. Ms. Boice will be interviewing all Board members beginning with Chairperson, Margery Rodgers.

Sunset Review

The Board reviewed the Form A and supporting documents for its 2010 Legislative Bill proposal. Ms. Bethman pointed out some inconsistencies with what the Board agreed upon for language. This language will be corrected and sent on to the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene for review prior to July 10.

2010
Legislation

Mrs. Tyminski requested the Legislative Committee form a workgroup to review its regulations, specifically those that have not been recently changed. The Committee will set a date when Ms. Mizell returns.

Regulations
Work Group

An inquiry from Pat Domser, PT was reviewed. She felt another practice in her area was using aides to perform more duties than allowed. The Board advises that aides may set up someone on electrical stimulation but the set-up must then be checked and machine turned on by the physical therapist.

Use of Aides

Ms. Rodgers expressed her desire to be the alternate delegate to the annual meeting for FSBPT to be held October 1-4, 2009 in San Diego, CA. There were no objections. The FSBPT is not funding alternate delegates this year. Therefore, the Board will fund her travel.

FSBPT Mtg.

Ms. Rodgers further expressed her desire that other Board members and participate in meetings sponsored by CLEAR, FARB and CAC this year. She suggested that Steve Ryan attend CLEAR in September; Shirley Leeper attend FARB in October, and John Baker attend the Consumer Advocacy Meeting in October. Mrs. Tyminski explained the budget is tight this year. However \$20,000 has been budgeted for out-of-state travel and she will prepare the paperwork for authorization through DHMH to spend these funds.

Meetings

Barri Schnall, PT has extended an invitation to the Board members and staff to visit the research lab at Walter Reed Hospital in the District of Columbia. They are doing amazing things there for returning military wounded. The Board members expressed interest and Mrs. Tyminski was directed to see if a date in September could be arranged.

Walter Reed

The application for licensure as a physical therapist assistant submitted by Wanda Carroll and her explanation for being terminated from a massage/ wellness Clinic was reviewed. The Board voted to allow her to sit for the national physical therapist assistant licensing examination.

Wanda Carroll

Applications for Evan Crowell, Ramona Edwards, Gillian Laurence, and Brett Jacobs were moved to closed session because their issues involved medical discussions.

Applications

Ms. Aaron, Deputy Director reported on the 2009 renewal period. The online renewals went smoothly. Although most comments were positive, there were some comments that will be administratively acted upon such as not allowing a person to enter continuing education earned in the wrong timeframe. Ms. Aaron will work with the IT Department to continue to enhance the online renewal process.

Renewals

Ms. Aaron announced that the continuing education audit letters had been sent out and the responses were coming in via fax and mail. Ms. Leeper has volunteered to perform the audit.

CEU Audit

Year to date revenues were reviewed. Mrs. Tyminski noted that revenues did not reach the budget figure for expenditures in 2010. There is some special fund revenue that can be used to cover the expenditures, if necessary.

Revenues

Informational items as follows were noted:

Informational

The FSBPT May 2009 Newsbrief
The NPTE fee increase to \$270 effective Jan. 1, 2010
FSBPT Continuing Competence Program
Maryland Chiropractic Board Newsletter
District of Columbia PT Board Newsletter
Animal physical therapy

The discussion about animal physical therapy has included the fact that the Veterinarians are now allowing massage therapists to perform equine massage. Physical therapists are far more educated than massage therapists and yet the task force to allow animal physical therapy has floundered for years because of the Veterinarian position. Ms. Bethman will request further information on the matter.

Animal PT

Mrs. Tyminski asked if there were any newsletter articles from Board members as the Summer newsletter must be sent out rather soon. Since the article on treatment options for those with multiple sclerosis is lengthy, it was decided not to include more articles in this newsletter.

Newsletter

On a motion made and voted the Board ended its open session at 2:00 p.m. to enter closed session for the purpose of medical review deliberations.

Closed Session

Administration session followed. The meeting ended at 4:20 p.m.

7/21/2009

Date

Respectfully submitted,

Ann E. Tyminski

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Margery F. Rodgers, P.T.

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